

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
TO USDOC WASHDC PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI PRIORITY  
AMCONSUL DOUALA PRIORITY  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 8532  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA  
AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

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E.O. 11652 : NA  
TAGS : BEXP, NI, XA  
SUBJ : RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

REFS: A. LAGOS 2458 (NOTAL)  
B. STATE 64704 (NOTAL)  
C. KINSHASA 2335 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL AIR ZAIRE OFFICE, QC 41 DOES NOT PRESENTLY FLY LAGOS-KINSHASA. FLIGHTS MAY BE REINSTITUTED IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THIS WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE APRIL 11 AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO PLAN FOR IT.

2. ON OTHER HAND, THERE IS, IN FACT, WEEKEND FLIGHT CONNECTION LAGOS-KINSHASA BY WAY OF DOUALA AND LIBREVILLE; WE REGRET OVERSIGHT IN NOT IDENTIFYING THIS POSSIBILITY AT TIME OF MILLER'S VISIT (REF A). FLIGHTS WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 12 --UY 709, DEPARTS LAGOS 1605 HRS, ARRIVES  
DOUALA 1730 HRS.

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APRIL 13 -- RK 50/160, DEPARTS DOUALA 1710 HRS, STOPS

IN LIBREVILLE , ARRIVES KINSHASA 2015 HRS.

3. FOR USDOC: WE HAVE REQUESTED REPEAT REQUESTED RESERVATIONS FOR 13 ON ABOVE FLIGHTS THROUGH LOCAL OFFICES AIR CAMEROUN AND AIR AFRIQUE. WILL NOT RECEIVE CONFIRMATION UNTIL MARCH 27. PLEASE INFORM ASAP WHETHER MISSION MEMBERS WOULD PREFER THIS ITINERARY TO LAGOS-NAIROBI-KINSHASA. IN VIEW OF PROGRAM OFFERED BY AMEMBASSY NAIROBI (REF C), THEY MAY DECIDE NAIROBI STOP WORTHWHILE. IN ANY CASE, IF WE UNABLE TO OBTAIN RESERVATIONS LAGOS-DOUALA-LIBREVILLE-KINSHASA, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO GO BACK TO NAIROBI STOPOVER, OR TRY FOR CHARTER FLIGHT.
4. FOR NAIROBI: THIS TO INFORM YOU OF POSSIBLE CANCELLATION NAIROBI STOPOVER, BUT RECOMMEND YOU HOLD ON TO INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS UNTIL DEFINITE WORD ON FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS COMES THROUGH.
5. FOR KINSHASA: IF LAGOS-DOUALA-LIBREVILLE-KINSHASA FLIGHTS CONFIRMED, GROUP WOULD ARRIVE SUNDAY, SO HOTEL REQUIREMENTS WOULD REMAIN AS IN REF (A). RECOMMEND HOWEVER YOU PURSUE CHARTER FLIGHT POSSIBILITY IN MEANTIME.
6. FOR DOUALA: AS INDICATED ABOVE, RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION GROUP OF 13 MAY DESCEND ON YOU FOR OVERNIGHT STOP ON APRIL 12. RECOMMEND YOU MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS, IF POSSIBLE, AND CANCEL LATER IF ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE.
7. REGRET INCONVENIENCE TO ALL CONCERNED.  
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